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1. On 5 August 1952 five Soviet jet planes landed at the Arad-Ciala Airfield. In appearance and construction they differed considerably from the usual Soviet type.

2. [redacted] They released from the tail a parachute about 10 meters across, which brought them to rest within 700 meters in spite of a speed of at least 750 kilometers per hour. ¹ [redacted]

3. Each plane had six jet engines and nine rockets to assist take-offs. A pair of engines in a single housing is placed one-third of the way out from the fuselage in each wing, with a single engine about as much further out. Wing span approximately 35 meters.

4. There were four wheels in the landing gear, one under each of the paired engines.

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1. Comment. A landing speed of approximately 465 mph is fantastic. It is equally unlikely that a ribbon landing brake chute could withstand the stress of such speeds.

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